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Canton's Most Wanted program nets capture within first 24 hours

Citizen tip leads to arrest of suspect wanted for aggravated burglary, domestic violence

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor William Healy and Canton Police Chief Dean McKimm announced Wednesday that a citizen tip has led to the arrest of Carl Lee Bonner, wanted as a suspect for aggravated burglary and domestic violence offenses. The arrest, the first after the launch of the Canton's Most Wanted program, came within 24 hours of the program's inception.

"This is proof positive that residents are key to making our city a safer place to live," said Mayor Healy. "We are thrilled to see that this program is going to have an impact on our streets, and look forward to hearing more from residents as Canton's Most Wanted continues."

Carl Lee Bonner, 26, was arrested by Canton Police VICE Officers on charges of aggravated burglary and two charges of domestic violence following a resident's tip to police. Domestic violence charges include a fourth-degree felony and first-degree misdemeanor charges, while the burglary charge is a first-degree felony. Bonner also has prior convictions for assault and cocaine trafficking.

Residents are encouraged to call police dispatch with information leading to the arrest of pictured suspects, as many suspected criminals could be dangerous.

"We are incredibly happy with how fast this program has been successful," said Chief Dean McKimm. "We appreciate that residents are taking our call for help seriously, and I hope they continue to be watchful in the coming weeks and months for more suspects."

Arresting officers said that Bonner stated he knew he had to "lay low" after he saw his face on the TV screen.

"Apparently, that wasn't low enough," said Healy.

Canton's Most Wanted is a new initiative by Healy and the Canton Police Department to involve residents in law enforcement by keeping an eye out for suspects wanted in connection with recent crimes. Most Wanted screens run every day at Noon and 8:00 p.m. for one-hour periods on Time Warner Cable Channel 15, and feature between 10 and 15 individuals currently wanted on outstanding warrants by the Canton Police Department. An updated list of most wanted suspects can also be accessed on the City of Canton's Web site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.cantonohio.gov/wanted.

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